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KANSAS FIGHT INTERESTING.

Allen and Bowersock Tied in the Second Congressional District. FPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Topeka, Kas., Feb. 21.—Politicians of the

entire State are watching for the Repubond District.

Allen and Anderson counties held primaries yesterday. Henry Allen carried the former and Congressman Eowersock the latter.

As it stands now, Allen and Bowersock are tied, with Henry McGrew helding the balance of power in Wyandotte County with a delegation of forty. lican congressional nomination in the Sec-

3lipped on Sidewalk. William Ward was taken to the City Hospital yesterday afternoon suffering from a sprained ankle, sustained by a fall on the key sidewalk at the corner of Twelfth and Chestnut streets.

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NOTARY ADVERTISES

Skaggs of Sturgeon Is Fast Becoming the Marriage Broker of Boone

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Columbia, Mo., Feb. 21.-Thomas M. Skaggs of Sturgeon is believed to be the first man to buy advertising space in a newspaper in which to advertise to the young people of his community the advantages of matrimony.

He carries a regular advertisement in the Sturgeon Missouri Leader, the only paper published in Sturgeon, in which he each week advances some new reason why the young people should marry. As a result of his vigilant advertising cam-paign, the number of marriages in Stur-geon and vicinity have been greatly in-creased.

geon and vicinity have been greatly in-creased.

Mr. Skaggs is not inspired by wholly unselfish motives. He is a county pub-lic, and as such performs marriage cere-monies, for which he receives a fee. It is necessary to make application for a h-cease before a notary public, and he re-ceives a fee for that service also. As necessary to make application for a hecense before a notary public, and he receives a fee for that service also. As Sturgeon is not the county seat, prospective brides and bridegrooms must secure their licenses in Columbia. So as to simplify matters, and make the road to matrimony easy, Mr. Skaggs has made arrangements with the Marriage License Clerk in Columbia to send licenses by mall on his application.

This saves the young people a trip to Columbia, and when they are in a hurry to marry at once, he can secure for them a license by telephoning for it. One of Mr. Skaggs's characteristic advertisements reads as follows:

"Take my advice, young man. Get married and let me send for the license for you. I can keep a secret."

Although local preachers did a thriving business in marriages before Mr. Skatzs began his vigorous advertising campaign, they have found themselves left far behind by his progressive methods. He performs nine-tenths of the marriage ceremonies in Sturgeon, and many come from a distance to be married by him.

Floral Birthmonth Rings. Solid gold signet rings, carved with the birthmonth flower-Carnation for February-and engraved with initials or mone

gram, \$5.00, at MERMOD & JACCARD'S. Broadway and Locust. Write for large, illustrated catalog. Free.

Kansas Wheat Needs Rain.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Topeka, Kas., Feb. 21.—The Kansas wheat belt is in great need of rain. All reports show much damage by lack of moisture. The fields in a dezen counties are reported as brown, and the plant is in a sickly condition. There has been but one light rain during the winter, and practically no snow.

Will Try Mrs. Hughes.

C SPECIAL Mount Sterling, Ill., Feb. 21.-The Brown County Circuit Court will open in the morning, with Judge Albert Akers of Quincy presiding. The docket will include the case of Mrs. Lydia S. Hughes for the murder of her husband last week, and the Grand Jury will also investigate the death of Oliver Surratt.

MAJESTIC HOTEL and BATHHOUSE, HOT SPRINGS, ARK., new fire-proof ho-tel; first-class; rates reasonable. Address Geo, L. Smith, manager, Take Iron Moun-

Woman Found Dead. A woman known as Mrs. Maggie Black, was found dead yesterday morning in a room in the home of William Bradford. No. 913 Franklin avenue. The woman had been a patient at the City Hospital until several weeks ago. She was 44 years old. The body was removed to the morgue.

Pythians Observe Anniversary.

UBLIC SPECIAL Winchester, Ill., Feb. 21—The Knights of Pythias orders of Winchester observed the fortieth anniversary by services at the M. E. Church to-day, the sermon being preached by the Reverend C. S. Lyles.

Commissioner Wilson Injured. REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Alto Pass, Ill., Peb. 21.—Former County Commissioner Daniel Wilson was struck by southbound Mobile and Ohlo passenger train No. 1 at noon to-day, nine miles south of this city, and fatally injured.

Wedding Rings (Solid Gold). Finest qualities, \$3 to \$30. Mermod & Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust.

Saloonkeeper Shoots Negro. Charles Bratts, the proprietor of a saloon at the corner of Eleventh and Morgan streets, is under arrest at the Fourth District Station charged with shooting Arthur Willis, a negro, late Saturday night. The negro is not seriously

DECISION PROTECTS ALL INDIAN MINORS.

Fathers May Not Lease Lands Without First Being Appointed Children's Guardians.

AFFECTS LAND COMPANIES

Provision Requiring Lessees to Build Houses Means Great and Immediate Improvement of the Territory.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Muscogee, I. T., Feb. 21.-The decision of the Indian Territory Court of Appeals at South McAlester Saturday, affirming the decision of Judge Raymond of the Western District in the matter of guardianship for Creek minors, was one of the most important that has ever been handed down in the Territory, and is regarded by many as equaling in significance the act creating

There are 20,000,000 acres of land in the Indian Territory. At least three-fourths, of 15,000,000 acres, is the property of minors. Judge Raymond decided, and the court up-held, that a father cannot lease his Indian child's land without first being appointed its guardian.

The case in point was that of the Indian Land and Trust Company vs. the Indian agent and others, to restrain the agent from putting a lessee off an allotment that had been leased for a minor by its natural guardian. The court of the Western District held that a natural guardian cannot

suardam. The court of the Western District held that a natural guardian cannot handle the estate of a minor without having first been appointed legal guardian by the court. The case was appealed and the decision of Judge Raymond affirmed. According to the ruling of Judge Raymond, the court not only appoints the guardian for minors, but he passes upon the leases of land that are made for them. He has a general outline of form of lease which must be compiled with, or the lease will not be approved. This applies to leases other than those which nave to be passed upon by the Secretary of the interior.

This lease has as a part provision that there must be a reasonably good house built by the lesse; he must built fences, improve and cultivate the land.

This will have a wide effect in two ways. It will cause a house to be hullt on every quarter section of land and the land cultivated and improved. On the other hand it will invalidate all the leases that are held by the big companies on the allotments of minors made by their parents and natural guardians. This will ruin many of the lease companies that have taken five-year leases and paid the money in advance.

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There is no way of suing the Indian, and his land cannot be held for debt. Tet most of these land companies proceeded in good falth and complied with all the requirements of the law at the time the leases were made. Nearly every allotment in the Creek Nation is under lease of some kind. The big companies took the leases from a purely specuative standpoint, and, in most inctances, would never have put the improvements on them that will be required if the Raymond plan is carried out. MATRIMONY'S ADVANTAGES.

required if the Raymond plan is carried out.

The improvements that are put on the place will, of course, he a part of thema part of the consideration of the lease-and the action of the Judge is predicated on the theory that an actual settler and farmer will do more to improve the country than the hig land companies when he makes the provision that the farms must be improved and cultivated when they are leased.

If this land passes under the direct control of the judiciary, it means that there will be 3,500,000 acres to each Judge, and to keen tab on that amount of land will in itself be all the work one man can do. This, in view of the fact that every Judge in the Territory has dockets already over-crowded with criminal cases, to say nothing of the civil and probate business, means that there will have to be immediate relief for the judiciary.

This power, in the hands of the judiciary, is far greater than that of the Secretary of the Interior in the matter of leasing, so far as the amount of land is concerned. The Secretary only approves

leasing, so far as the amount of land is concerned. The Secretary only approves leases made for long terms, but under this plan the Judges will pass unon all leases that are made for terms running from one

that are made for terms running from one to five years.

To get an immediate decision on this question the Court of Anneals was presented a petition signed by 1,000 persons, asking that it be taken up at once, in order that lessors and lessees might proceed with intelligence in time for the crops for the year 1904.

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MAY USE SAUSAGE AND DOG IN BOLD SMUGGLING SCHEME

Conspirators Plan to Stuff Diamonds in a Frankfurter to Be Fed to Dog Before Crossing Line.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Washington, Feb. 21.-All the dog catchgling expedition. Secretary Shaw was p

ers in Detroit may be requisitioned at any moment to frustrate a bold diamond-smugon the qui vive yesterday by this letter from a man at Evansville, Ind., whose name is not revealed: "I overheard a plot to smuggle diamond:

across the river at Detroit. It may be a

across the river at Detroit. It may be a fake, but it sounds plausible enough to me and I send it to the department for what it is worth.

"The two men whom I heard talking about it propose to put the diamonds into a small frankfurter sausage. Then they will keep a dog without food for a couple of days. When the dog is good and hungry they will feed him the sausage and then bring him across from the Canadian side. Then they will kill the dog and take out the diamonds.

"Gracious" said Secretary Shaw when he read this message. He referred it to the Secret Service division. John Wilkie, the Chief of Secret Service, hurried down to see Assistant Secretary Armstrons. the Chief of Secret Service. hurried down to see Assistant Secretary Armstrong, who was in charge of the customs administration, when every one was forced to the conclusion that the matter was given too much publicity.

"If we are ever going to catch that dog," remarked Mr. Armstrong, "we will have to go about it quietly."

The stillness of death is the only answer to questions about this plot now.

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A postal request brings our new catalogue. Edward Lechtermann of No. 3913 North Twenty-second street, John Mathaw of No. 125 North Third street, John Mathaw of No. 125 North Third street, and John Killcullen of No. 1314 North Jefferson avenue, are prisoners at the Fourth District Police Station charged with robbing a wagon of the Simmons Hardware Company, Saturday night, A typewriter was stolen from the wagon.

Former Patrolman's Wife Dies. Mrs. Rose Kaplan, wife of former Patroiman Jake Kaplan, of the Fourth District, who was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury in connection with naturalisation frauds, died Saturday morning at the City Hospital,



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TENTH WARD ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL ELECTION.

Want Transit Company to Furnish Direct Service From South Side to World's Fair Grounds.

The Tenth Ward Improvement Associa tion, at its regular monthly meeting yesterday, in Chippewa Hall, Chippewa street and Oregon avenue, elected D. Eltzmann president, Edward Rosenthal secretary, John Hahn treasurer, and An-

drew Ruppel sergeant-at-arms. The election of a first and second vice president and Executive Board, consisting of fifteen members, was laid over until the next meeting, March 29.

O. F. Karbe and Edward Ulrich were nominated for first vice president, O. F. Evertz and William Dienstbauch for second vice president and former Judge T. F. W. Zimmermann, Doctor E. A. Shay, C. Brinkop, H. C. Koenig, William Dienstbauch, O. F. Karbe, Edward Ulrich, Frank Zykan, J. F. Duwringer, Andrew Ruppel and C. F. Evertz for members of the Executive Board.

Resolutions of regret at the death of Doctor E. C. Runge, formerly Superintendent of the City Insane Asylum, were adopted. Doctor Runge was in sympathy with the work of the association, and frequently attended the meetings.

Judge Zimmermann, chairman of the Executive Board, read letters from Congressman Richard Bartholdt and United States Senator F. M. Cockrell in answer to communications requesting ald in obtaing appropriations for improving Jefferson Barracks, the Arsenal and the Marine Hospital.

Bartholdt said that all that was asked could not be obtained. A proposition, he said, is under consideration to locate a president and Executive Board, consist-

Bartholdt said that all that was asked could not be obtained. A proposition, he said, is under consideration to locate a supply depot in the western part of St. Louis along the railroad tracks. If the measure goes through it will mean the practical abandonment of the old Arsenal grounds, he said.

Senator Cockrell said that the Senators and Representatives of other States think they have aided St. Louis to the fullest extent.

A committee appointed to try to have

extent.

A committee appointed to try to have the garbage-hauling contract revoked and to induce the city authorities to take action in regard to alleged poor street-car service reported that nothing had been accomplished in either matter.

Judge Zimmermann, who made the report, said that Street Commissioner Varrelmann intimated that the city was figuring on the cost of wagons to do the hauling, but no definite information could be obtained.

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be obtained.

The matter of requesting the Transit Company to run a direct line of cars from the South Side to the World's Fair and Union Station during the World's Fair period was discussed.

It was decided to request the Street Commissioner and President of the Board of Public Improvements to pave Miami street from end to end.

Injured by Street Car.

M. J. Ryan. a salesman. of No. 1732 North Leffingwell avenue, was struck by an Olive street car at the corner of Olive street and Ewing avenue, early yesterday merning. His scalp was bedly lacerated and he was taken to the City Hospital.

CHURCH TO CONSIDER UNION.

Report of Recent Conference to Be Submitted at Dallas.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 21 .- The General As-

embly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church is to meet in Dallas on the third Thursday in May. It is stated that there will e in attendance at least 250 delegates, representing churches from New Jersey to California. This will be the fourth assembly ever held in Texas in the 100 years' history of the church.

For the second time in the church's history the question of union with the parent institution, the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, is to be considered. A committee was appointed at the assembly held in Nashville a year ago to meet a like committee from other Presbyterian churches.

What is believed to be the most important meeting of the committee has been held in St. Louis during the current week. That committee's report is to be submitted to the General Assembly. Thursday in May. It is stated that there

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Brisk Speculation at Muscogee Makes Institution Necessary.

Muscogee, I. T., Feb. 21.-Within the past ten days there have been a great number of oil and gas companies incornumber of oil and gas companies incorporated in this city, and trade in these stocks is being carried on right and left. So active has this become that, coupled with the demand for other stocks, a stock exchange has been organized and will be incorporated to do a general exchange business on local stocks.

Rooms have been secured in one of the leading bank and trust bulldings and the exchange will be opened as soon as the incorporation can be effected.

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Freezing Hurts Fruit.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Alto Pass, Ill., Feb. 21.-Inestimable damage to fruit trees resulted in this section of the State last night from a heavy rainfall throughout the night, freezing as it fell, thus overburdening the already jectladen trees. Whole orchards, especially of older trees, were stripped of their branches.

Ladies, try an Oyster Lunch while shop-ping. Milford's, 207 and 209 N. Sixth st.

Don't Stand in Your Own Light.

Gas Fixtures Free provided the buildings are not now supplied with fixtures, but are piped for use of gas, and are located along the lines of the

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MUSCOGEE "TIMES" CHANGES. Foremost Democratic Paper of Territory Has New Policy.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Muscogee, I. T., Feb. 21.—Yesterday afternoon the Muscogee Evening Times changed management, the Greers taking possession, and the paper has been

changed from a Democratic organ to one of independent policy.

of Independent policy.

This has caused a commotion among local Democrats, as it leaves them without a paper on the eve of a city campaign, in which each party controls about the same number of votes.

Several prominent Democrats announced to-night that they would start a paper next week, but refused to state who will be in charge. The Times has been the foremost Democratic paper in the Territors.